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MEMORANDUM FOR: Historical Officer, Clandestine Service

SUBJECT : Observations on [REDACTED] FI Staff 25X1A9a
Coordination under NSCID No. 5, 1951-
1967 (CS HP No. 108)

1. This is the second time this paper has been submitted. I read the earlier version and wrote a memorandum for the record on it, on 10 March 1970. I stated at that time that the paper was not yet a history, but the draft of a history that should and must be worked into a history.

2. In its present form there has been some revision, but not enough to make any significant change in the paper. It is still not suitable for final acceptance into the CIA Historical Program. It remains a working paper, but on a subject of such importance, not only for Foreign Intelligence Staff but for DDP and overall history, that it should be redone, either by [REDACTED] with substantial assistance, or by a new writer who will have [REDACTED] help. The present author is a very knowledgeable and senior person, whose experience with the subject is unequalled. He is also a retiree, and is about to retire permanently. His health has not been good. There is no thought of asking him to revise this paper unaided, but only to work with a second party, yet to be appointed.

3. By whatever means revision is effected, it must be an exceptionally thorough job, for this study is one of a number of histories being produced in directorate programs, that are equally a part of the overall history of the Agency. This particular paper is needed to round out the record in the important area of coordination, and, as stated, to facilitate the writing of DDP and overall history.

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